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Applicants:

Hedrick et al.

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GAMING DEVICE HAVING A CONTAINER-ITEM HOLDER

Art Unit:

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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION TO PLACE THE APPLICATION IN **CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on RECEIVED

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)  Applicant(s): Hedrick et al.					Docket No. 0112300-449	
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Invention: GAMING DEVICE HAVING A CONTAINER-ITEM HOLDER  APR 3 0 2004 8						
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:						
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.						
		CLAIMS AS	AMENDED			
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	12 -	51 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	2 -	13 =	0	x \$86.00	\$0.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) \$0.00						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT \$0.00						
No additional fee is required for amendment.    Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of   A check in the amount of   to cover the filing fee is enclosed.   The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1818   Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.   Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.    Dated: April 27, 2004						
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